

democratic nation. The constitution also clearly divides power between the executive and legislative branches.

Ukraine has exhibited much economic potential. Working with the International Monetary Fund, Ukraine is making significant gains in halting hyperinflation and securing an efficient and cost-effective source of energy for the country. A partnership has been established with the European Union which will give Ukraine most-favored-nation status and other trade advantages, and opens the possibility of a free trade agreement after 1998. Ukraine's natural resources, its heavy industry, and its innovative and hard-working people promise to transform the country into a successful economic partner in the world marketplace.

Ukraine has now become a nuclear-free state. Ukraine has faithfully followed guidelines for the elimination of nuclear weapons under the START I Treaty and it has ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty. And, in joining the Partnership for Peace Program for NATO membership, Ukraine has positioned itself to become a member of the strongest military alliance in the world.

Ukraine's transition to a democratically-governed, free-market economy has not been without its problems. But these strains are natural. The recent assassination attempt on Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko is troubling. However, we expect that the government of Ukraine will take the necessary steps to see that the rule of law is upheld. Ukraine has shown strong leadership in the face of such turmoil by pledging itself to adhere to the principles of the Helsinki Final Act. This should help ensure that whatever problems Ukraine may encounter in the future, it will continue to be an example of respect for civil and human rights in the region.

This year, Ukraine joined the world athletic community by fielding its first Olympic team. It was heartening to see the joy on the faces of Ukraine's athletes as they represented their country in this year's centennial Olympic games. Ukraine's fine athletes graciously represented the Ukrainian people.

The people of Ukraine deserve our admiration and support for the fine work they have done during the past 5 years. I know that the Ukrainian-American community in Michigan is in the front ranks of such support. United States-Ukraine relations are, and will continue to be, an important part of our national interests.

This is an historic time for Ukraine, one in which it is possible to witness its citizens decide for themselves what kind of government and what kind of future they want for their country. I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Ukraine on the fifth anniversary of its independence.●

ROGER TORY PETERSON

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of one

of Connecticut's pioneers. Roger Tory Peterson devoted his life to the study of birds. Peterson's "A Field Guide to the Birds," published in 1934, revolutionized the concept of field guides by intricately depicting distinguishable characteristics of thousands of birds. Often referred to as the "birder's bible," this handbook brought the once eccentric hobby of bird watching to the mainstream.

Born 122 years after John James Audubon, Roger Tory Peterson was the definitive expert on birds in this century. Many people believe he began the environmental movement by bringing tens of millions of bird watchers outdoors to study birds. Any avid bird watcher looking for the illusive bird would not dare go out without one of Peterson's guides in their pocket.

A master of detail, Roger photographed, painted, and identified thousands of birds throughout his 60-year career. His descriptions, both in words and drawings, were done with such clarity and precision that the birds came to life on paper. Even today, I continue to marvel at his prints, several of which hang in my home in Connecticut.

A world renown artist, naturalist, and environmentalist, Peterson believed that any serious study of natural history would lead people to care about and protect the environment. This philosophy is the backbone of the legacy he leaves behind. The Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History in Jamestown, NY, is dedicated to educating the public and teaching young and old alike about natural history. This center and the guidebooks used by millions of hikers everyday will continue to promote environmental awareness for years to come.

The people of Connecticut were proud to have Dr. Peterson reside in Old Lyme for over 40 years. My parents were honored to know him as a neighbor and friend. We will all miss his work and remember him fondly.●

COACH DON CASEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise today concerning one of the most beloved sports figures in Boston, Mr. Don Casey, assistant coach of the Boston Celtics. Coach, as he is known to the thousands whose lives he has touched, is leaving the Celtics to take on new challenges with the New Jersey Nets.

Since arriving in Boston, Coach has had an inspiring influence on the fans of the Boston Celtics. Through various charitable endeavors, Coach has affected the lives of thousands of people across the Nation. Most recently, Coach was selected to the Committee of Friends of the Secret Service, an organization dedicated to raising funds for the surviving family members of those Federal agents killed in the tragic Oklahoma City bombing. Even the White House has recognized Coach Casey's contributions to the world of sports by selecting him to serve on the

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Coach Casey has a long and storied career shaping the minds of basketball players of all ages and talent levels. At the age of 20, Coach landed his first coaching post at Bishop Eustace High in Pennsauken, NJ. He led his team to two State championships and was selected South Jersey Coach of the Year at age 24. Many of the players he coached at Bishop Eustace went on to successful college careers. Soon after achieving remarkable success at the high school level, Coach started his own impressive college career by being appointed to the head coach slot at Temple University. He led the Owls to several postseason tournament berths, including an NIT Championship over Boston College in 1966. Coach participated in the first NCAA college basketball game played outside of the United States when his Owls traveled to Tokyo, Japan, to take on the UCLA Bruins.

Coach broke into the National Basketball Association in 1982 as an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls. The next year, he move to the Los Angeles Clippers in the same post. In 1984, Coach became head coach for an Italian league team. He returned to the NBA and the Los Angeles Clippers as an assistant coach, and in 1989 he was promoted to the head coach slot. He soon traveled to Boston where he has been the assistant coach for six seasons.

As Coach prepares to leave the city of Boston, his friends prepare for everyday life without him. Many joggers will be left to find new running mates, the Boston Celtics' employees will be listening for, but not hearing, the familiar vibrant, bellowing voice that shakes the hallways every morning with warm greetings, and the wait staff at his favorite restaurant, Ciao Bella on Newbury Street, will miss the energetic presence that so often electrified the ambience there.

Coach Casey is leaving our beloved Boston Celtics to start a new chapter in his basketball story. The players, the fans, and the staff of the New Jersey Nets are lucky to get him. I wish him the best of luck and the greatest success with his new team, unless, of course, the Nets ever meet the Celtics in the playoffs.●

MOVEMENT TO BAN JUNK GUNS GAINS STRENGTH

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, earlier this year I introduced legislation with Senators JOHN CHAFFEE and BILL BRADLEY to prohibit the manufacture and sale of junk guns—or as they have also been called, saturday night specials. These cheap, poorly constructed, easily concealable firearms pose such a great threat to public safety that their sale and manufacture should be prohibited.